

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **May 14, 2002**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **4**

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Healthy Homes Grant Application**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a resolution authorizing an application for \$315,180 to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Healthy Homes Demonstration Program Grant.

SUMMARY:

Within the last few years, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has begun to fund grants focusing on healthy homes, environments and children. This year, approximately five million dollars will be awarded to eight healthy homes programs.

This grant application proposes to make 260 families aware of environmental health issues and provide them with low-cost materials to assist in the management of these issues. The program will focus on educating families on ways they can keep their homes safe. This will be accomplished through partnerships with various organizations which have committed to providing educators, supplies and other resources to the grant program.

Funding for this grant begins in May 2003 and runs for three years. Management oversight of the grant will be through the Department of Community Planning and Development (CP & D). While there is no matching requirement for applicants, CP & D will provide in-kind match through staff time, training facilities and other indirect costs.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. The grant funds are fully reimbursable from HUD. There will be in-kind services provided by the staff in Community Planning and Development for the overall administration of the grant.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Grant Abstract
2. Project Budget

REVIEWED BY:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Department of Community Planning and Development is hereby authorized to apply to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Healthy Homes Demonstration grant in the amount of \$315,180.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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FAMILIES IN HEALTHY HOMES ABSTRACT

The City of Lynchburg's (City) Department of Community Planning and Development (CP&D), in cooperation with various government, private, and neighborhood organizations, is proposing to be the lead agency in a Healthy Homes Education Grant. This grant builds on the commitment the City has already shown to providing a healthy environment for its residents. Some examples reflecting this commitment are the City's housing inspection program, the Round 5 lead grant, satellite medical facilities located in inner-city neighborhoods, and community development programs run by Lynchburg College. The participating partners in this coalition include: Johnson Health Center, Lynchburg Health Department, Lynchburg Community Action Group, Lynchburg Neighborhood Development Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Lynchburg Fire Department, Lynchburg College, Lead-Safe Lynchburg, The Alliance for Families and Children, and the community-based organizations (CBOs) representing the White Rock Hill and Tinbridge Hill neighborhoods. These partners will refer families, provide training locations, offer professional advice, and be sources of information for education sessions.

The grant will receive referrals from throughout the city with a focus on families living in the oldest housing stock. However, as resources allow, the program will address all housing stock which pre-dates 1978. In essence, the program is not targeting areas as much as families in high-risk housing stock. After medical referrals, the next priority of the program will be low-income families referred from CBOs, then housing providers, and finally target area self-referrals.

This is an intensive education project that intends to increase awareness of environmental hazards to 260 families. Targeting families allows for the greatest outreach to children. This intensive education will impact far more than 260 houses because of the high mobility of the targeted population. Through education, the participants of the program will be given tools to address environmental hazards; this awareness can be taken with them from house to house. Generally the lowest-income residents of the city live in the oldest housing, placing them at greatest risk for environmental diseases.

This program will reach its target of 260 families through a series of 20, six-class training sessions. Each six-class training session will cover a wide range of topics, which include all of the environmental health hazards identified by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It will also provide general sessions on fair housing, environmental justice, and wellness. Partnering with various CBOs and private industry groups will allow most, if not all, training sessions to be held in neighborhood facilities utilizing existing staff and volunteers. To the greatest extent possible, this proposal intends to work with organizations and community groups located within low-income districts and will conduct many of its training sessions in these same areas. This will result in an economic benefit to the affected districts.

The program will spend no resources for remediation. Instead, the participants will be provided a stipend to perform certain activities in their own homes to make them healthy. CP&D, as the lead organization, will be responsible for compiling referrals and arranging training locations. To measure the success of this low-cost strategy, the City will perform environmental housing surveys prior to and three months after the training sessions. Participants in the program will be provided stipends to attend all classes and will be given educational materials and low-cost products that will improve family health and safety. Finally, part of the

class “homework” will be to use information gained from class to install and/or implement procedures.

As previously mentioned, the Families in Healthy Homes (FHH) program will be very low-cost. This low-cost program targets families rather than housing and allows for a multiplying effect which further reduces the cost per housing unit. The best chance of sustainable activity comes from involving many organizations (i.e. drawing partners from all sectors). By providing a training module on fair housing and environmental justice issues, the program is not overlooking this important aspect of creating safe and affordable environments. Finally, the program recognizes the importance of providing training in the localities at highest risk for targeted environmental health issues.

PROPOSED CLASS CURRICULUM (TENTATIVE)

<u>Introductory Class</u>	Brief overview of program which attempts to interest attendees into the six class session (given as needed)
<u>Class One</u>	Allergens, Insects and Rodents
<u>Class Two</u>	Asbestos, Lead and Radon
<u>Class Three</u>	Combustion Products of Heating and Cooking Appliances, Pesticide Residue, and Common Household Poisons
<u>Class Four</u>	Mold and Moisture
<u>Class Five</u>	Unintentional Injuries, Fire, and Take Home Hazards from Work
<u>Class Six</u>	Fair Housing, Environmental Justice, and Wellness Issues

Budget Summary

Total Budget (Federal Share and Matching)

Detailed Description of Budget					
3c. Transportation - Other	Quantity	Unit Cost	Estimated Cost	Federal Share	Match
WASHINGTON, DC	2	\$128.00	\$256	\$256	\$0
			\$0	\$0	\$0
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Subtotal - Transportation - Other			\$256	\$256	\$0
3d. Per Diem or Subsistence (indicate location)	Days	Rate per Day	Estimated Cost	Federal Share	Match
TRAVEL OUTSIDE LOCAL AREA	22	\$135.00	\$2,970	\$2,970	\$0
TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, DC	2	\$145.00	\$290	\$290	\$0
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Subtotal - Per Diem or Subsistence			\$3,260	\$3,260	\$0
Total Travel Cost			\$14,057	\$14,057	\$0
4. Equipment (Only items over \$5,000 each)	Quantity	Unit Cost	Estimated Cost	Federal Share	Match
N/A		\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Total Equipment Cost			\$0	\$0	\$0
5. Supplies and Materials (Items under \$5,000)					
5a. Consumable Supplies	Quantity	Unit Cost	Estimated Cost	Federal Share	Match
OFFICE SUPPLIES	36	\$60.00	\$2,160	\$2,160	\$0
OUTREACH BROCHURES	1200	\$0.75	\$900	\$900	\$0
TRAINING MATERIALS		\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
EDUCATIONAL HANDOUTS	400	\$20.00	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0
HEALTHY HOMES TOOL KIT	260	\$120.00	\$31,200	\$31,200	\$0
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5b. Non-Consumable Materials	Quantity	Unit Cost	Estimated Cost	Federal Share	Match
COMPUTER & PERIPHERALS	2	\$3,000.00	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
OFFICE FURNITURE	2	\$1,000.00	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
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Total Supplies and Materials Cost			\$50,260	\$50,260	\$0

Analysis of Total Estimated Costs	Estimated Cost	Percent of Total	Percent of Labor
1 Personnel (Direct Labor)	\$143,629	43.8%	
2 Fringe Benefits	\$40,216	12.3%	28.0%
3 Travel	\$14,057	4.3%	
4 Equipment	\$0	0.0%	
5 Supplies and Materials	\$50,260	15.3%	
6 Consultants	\$5,760	1.8%	
7 Contracts and Sub-Grantees	\$18,000	5.5%	
8 Other Direct Costs	\$46,900	14.3%	
9 Indirect Costs	\$9,008	2.7%	
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